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**PATENT APPLICATION**

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Applicants: Kuhr, et al.

Title: LANCING AID COMPRISING A LANCET SYSTEM THAT IS  
PROTECTED AGAINST RE-USE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of April 10, 2009 and a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 10, 2009, Applicants submit the following response. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the payment of fee therefor pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is submitted herewith.

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